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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
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FROM: Debra Figone

SUBJECT: City Manager's Weekly Report

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INFORMATION

Following are the key activities to be highlighted this week:

Family Camp Closes for Repairs—On August 20, staff detected the presence of e-coli in the potable water system at *San José Family Camp* during routine water testing. After secondary testing and an investigation to pinpoint the source, staff found the cause to be a tear in the main water tank liner. Staff closed the camp to the public for the coming weekend while the repairs are underway to avoid any potential health or safety risks to campers. Groups holding reservations (about thirty people in total) were immediately notified of the cancellation and *Family Camp* staff began processing full refunds. Repairs are expected to begin today, followed by a standard disinfection and flushing of the system once the repairs are completed. A certified water system operator will assist in the disinfection and testing process as well as bringing the system back on line. There were no campers on site this week and no reports of illness. The Camp's main season has already concluded and Camp staff has transitioned to weekend reservations only through the month of September. Staff is working to restore the potable water system in time for the August 29 weekend reservations. The 2009 season officially closes the weekend of September 25. For more information, contact Art Catbagan at 648-9560.

Labor Negotiations between GreenTeam and Teamsters Local 350 Underway— *GreenTeam* of San José, one of San José's *Recycle Plus* garbage and recycling haulers, is in negotiations with *Teamsters Local 350* seeking new agreements for their drivers, mechanics, and Material Recovery Facility (MRF) workers. *GreenTeam* provides services to residents in West San José, all multi-family properties in the City, as well as garbage and recycling services to neighboring West Valley cities, including Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, and Saratoga under the same labor agreements. On August 12, the drivers voted to grant strike authorization to the Union; however, a strike is not imminent, as both parties continue to bargain in good faith and negotiations are still in progress. The August 18 Board Meeting of *The West Valley Solid Waste Management Authority* will include a discussion on *Local 350* and *GreenTeam's* differing perspectives on the negotiations. Federal mediation to assist with the negotiations process is scheduled for August 31. *Teamsters Local 350* is also negotiating with *BFI (Allied/Republic)* for their driver and MRF worker contracts. *BFI* provides commercial collection and processing services for many San José businesses. For more information, contact Donna Perala at 975-2511.

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Business Journal highlights recycled water in special water infrastructure report—On July 31, the weekly issue of the *Silicon Valley/San José Business Journal* included a seven-page special report on water infrastructure. The report's cover story features the ***Water Pollution Control Plant*** and its ability to produce recycled water. The story includes interviews and comments on recycled water as a stable water source. The story also highlights the significant savings that businesses can gain by using lower-cost recycled water versus potable water for irrigation and industrial purposes (between 34% and 55% cost savings in San José). For more information, contact Cheryl Wessling at 975-2552.

\$41.5 Million for Resurfacing San José Area Freeways—On August 13, the *California Transportation Commission* allocated \$33.2 million for the resurfacing of the ***Route 101*** freeway. The resurfacing will be done in the area extending between ***Route 87 and Hellyer Avenue***. Also being resurfaced this year is the ***Route 280*** freeway in the area extending between ***Route 880 and Lawrence Expressway***. The cost for the resurfacing ***Route 280*** is \$8.3 million and is being funded by the *Federal Recovery Act*. Both projects will create jobs and help address a severe backlog of maintenance needs for *Caltrans* freeways in San José. For more information, contact Hans Larsen at (408) 535-3835.

Jazz Festival Achieves 97% Diversion Rate—On August 7-9, the *San José Zero Waste Team* achieved its highest event diversion rate to date during the ***2009 Jazz Festival***, exceeding the 2008 festival by 4%. 85 eco-stations (recycling, compost and trash collection containers) were used to collect materials and an additional 130 64-gallon blue ***Conservation Corps*** containers were used to collect recycling from food vendors at the event. The ***Zero Waste Team*** was comprised of 15 ESD staff and interns, 50 SJ Conservation Corps members and supervisors, 20 volunteers, and 10 contractors. Only 3% of the event's waste went to landfill. The ***Jazz Festival*** is designated as one of the City's ***Zero Waste Large Events***, and is an opportunity to provide outreach to attendees. For more information, contact Janice Sitton at 408-975-2522.

San José Included in the French Language Book "Best Practices for a Green Science"—On September 2, the first French language book about environmentally-sound Internet Technology (IT) equipment, entitled "***Green: Les Meilleures Pratiques pour Un Informatique Verte***" ("***Best Practices for a Green Science***"), will include mention of San José's experience procuring "green" computers. The book provides 12 case studies on the institutional purchase of green IT equipment. San José was included because of its experience utilizing the "***EPEAT***" comprehensive environmental standard for its computer purchases. San José was the first municipality to adopt the ***EPEAT*** standard in 2006. San José's 2008 purchases of ***EPEAT*** compliant equipment will save energy; reduce air emissions, toxic materials (lead), hazardous waste; and realize cost savings over the lifetime of the products. The ***EPEAT*** standard is now going international with its imminent release in 40 countries worldwide. Inclusion in this book will reinforce San José's leadership in environmental procurement and stewardship. For more information, contact Linden Skjeie 975-2577.

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Wastewater Plant Featured on KTVU Bay Area People Show—On August 12, Rosie Chu, host of the *KTVU Bay Area People* show, interviewed ESD Director John Stufflebean (airing 6:30 a.m. Saturdays on *KTUV Channel 2* and 9:00 a.m. Sundays on *KICU Channel 36*). During the six-minute segment Chu and Stufflebean discussed how people learn about wastewater treatment and recycled water during the Plant's popular tours. For more information, contact Cheryl Wessling at 975-2552.

Traveler Information Center Update—The recently constructed *Traveler Information Center (TIC)* prominently located in the City Hall Lobby, is an example of how the City is using innovative technology to improve *Green Mobility* and support the City's *Green Vision*. The *TIC* will provide users with an interactive travel tool to plan and enhance their travel experience with real time travel information for all modes of travel, including walking/biking, driving and transit. While the construction of the *TIC* is now complete, several software issues were discovered during the initial test launch. Staff is currently working with the system vendor to address known software issues in an effort to enhance *TIC* users' experience. DOT anticipates the software enhancements will be completed within six weeks. For more information, contact Lily Lim-Tsao at (408) 975-3269.

Surrounding Community Informed of Construction Beginning at Closed Martin Park Landfill Site—On August 17, a *Notice to Proceed* for construction of a landfill gas cut-off wall at the closed *Martin Park landfill* site was issued. The work will require the closure of Forestdale Avenue for the duration of the project, which is estimated to last four months. The temporary closure of the street is likely to begin on Friday, August 21st. The awarded base bid for the project is \$1,228,250. The construction of the cut-off wall is intended to prevent subsurface landfill gas migration and allow the landfill gases to passively vent. The project has been coordinated with the Local Enforcement Agency and has been awarded a matching grant of up to \$750,000 by the *California Integrated Waste Management Board*. Staff has kept the surrounding community up to date on the project through neighborhood meetings, door-to-door visits, and flyers. Weekly monitoring of the crawlspaces at adjacent residences has occurred for over two years and no detectable concentrations of landfill gases have been found. For more information, contact Napp Fukuda at 975-2594.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Back to School Bash – Community Fun Night, Friday, August 21, 2009, 6 pm, Willow Glen Community and Senior Center, 2175 Lincoln Ave. San José, CA 95125. Please contact Janine Bray at 448-6400 for more information.

Retirement Governance Structure Outreach Meetings, Wednesday, August 26, 2009 6:30-8:30 P.M. Wing rooms 118-119; Thursday, August 27, 2009 1:30-3:30 P.M. Council Chambers

2009 National Corvette Caravan. Saturday, August 29th, 7-11 a.m., Club Auto Sport at 521 Charcot Avenue, San José, CA.

East San José Carnegie Branch Library Grand Opening, Saturday, August 29, 11 a.m. dedication (1102 E. Santa Clara St. (corner of S. 23rd St.). Welcome back after expansion, the oldest public library and the only Carnegie library still serving in Santa Clara County. For information, call (408) 535-8450.

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Albertson's Parkway Trail Grand Opening, Saturday, August 29, 10a.m., Conejo Dr. & Jagers Dr., San José, 95119. For more information, contact Nicole Morrison at 794-6206.

Sun Gallery-"Hottest Show in Town", August 22 through September 19 will feature the artistic talents of active and retired firefighters, located at 1015 E Street, Hayward, CA.

7th Annual 'Golf for Jobs' Tournament, Wednesday, September 7, 1 p.m., Los Lagos Golf Course, 2995 Tuers Road, San José, 95121. For more information, please visit www.cetgolftourney.com.

League of California Cities 2009 Annual Conference, September 16 – 18, San José Convention Center. The Opening General Session on September 16 at 4:00 p.m. will kick off the Conference. Deadline for Advance Registration is August 25.

Community Meetings on the Inclusionary Housing Policy – Below are upcoming meeting dates and locations:

- September 8, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Willow Senior Center located at 2175 Lincoln Avenue
- September 17, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the City Hall Public Wing Room 119 located at 200 E. Santa Clara Street – ***Joint Stakeholder Meeting***
- September 22, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Southside Community Center located at 5585 Cottle Road
- September 23, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the City Hall Public Wing Room 118-119 located at 200 East Santa Clara Street
- September 24, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Community Meeting West Valley Branch Library located at 1243 San Tomas Aquino Road



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